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**2870-0143P**

IN THE U.S. PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant: Toshiaki KUBO Conf.: 7282

Appl. No.: 09/640,803 Group: 1752

Filed: August 18, 2000 Examiner: Thorl Chea

For: THERMALLY PROCESSED IMAGE FORMING MATERIAL

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Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, DC 20231

December 23, 2002

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Respectfully submitted,

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In response to the Office Action of September 23, 2002, the following amendments and remarks are submitted in connection with the above-identified application.

AMENDMENTS

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend the claims as follows:

Claim 1 (Twice Amended) A thermally processed image forming material having a support, which comprises a first side and a second side wherein

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